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COVER: Graduation . . . then what? Business (as seen in the photo of Valley Blocks Concrete Plant in Harrisonburg, VA.), College (as shown by an anonymous student at Madison College in Harrisonburg), and Armed Services (as seen by the caricature of Uncle Sam) represent the career possibilities for the student once he leaves Augusta.
(Photo by Arrington)

New Activities Boost Morale

by David Langley

A quiet movement has been taking place in the lower school. Led by Lt. John Cooper, it includes a series of new programs. These include a junior school game room, a swimming program, riflery program, and a series of field trips.

Refuge all their own and a successful experiment, the gameroom acts as a site for indoor recreation. It is currently located in the annex and contains a pool table, a ping-pong table, and a variety of puzzles and board games for the junior schoolers' enjoyment. According to Lt. Cooper, "This has been made possible partially through the kind contributions and donations of old games by patrons, alumni, and other friends of F Company. These contributions are greatly appreciated and always welcomed."

The swimming pool is continually the scene of junior school activity. Given an opportunity to swim during F Company open swims, the junior schoolers are becoming quite aquatic.

Included in the junior school rifle program are lessons, practice, and the opportunity to fire for National Rifle Association medals, which may be worn on the school uniform.

Offering diversity in atmosphere, a system of field trips has been instituted which will allow lower schoolers to see Washington, D. C., Williamsburg, Yorktown, and Jamestown, Monticello and the University of Virginia.

One recent trip was taken to Staunton by Lt. David West and his fourth and fifth grade classes. During Spring break there will also be special trips for those remaining at Augusta to a foreign embassy, a hunting lodge, Busch Gardens and Kings Dominion.

Yet another front has been expanded. Intramurals has provided increases in sports activities including football, riflery, baseball, and soccer.

This group of planned programs has allowed the cultivation of morale.



Stony Point fortress on the cliffs above the Hudson River looked impregnable, but General "Mad" Anthony Wayne smiled grimly and made plans. On July 16, 1779 the 600-man British force awoke to the sound of musket-fire, and half the garrison dashed out in midnight blackness and swarmed down the causeway toward the gunfire. They had been tricked. American attack units, with bayonets fixed, poured silently into the breached walls of the fort and captured the astonished British without firing a shot.

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Earnest enjoyed by all



LOVERS' GATHERING. John Worthing and Gwendolen Fairfax (Frank Harris and Marge Dompe) and Algernon Moncrieff and Cecily Cardew (Mike Arrington and Lee Livick) shy away from the overbearing aunt, Lady Bracknell (Kathy Lillard). (Photo by JRM)

by J. Curtiss Blackwelder

The Importance of Being Earnest led the activities of the Augusta drama group. Most who saw the performance on 5 December felt that all had been successful in their efforts.

Under the direction of Major Michael Ridge, the cast acted well and had the audience laughing by the opening scenes. The producer, Captain Robert Moore, did a superb job of creating the Victorian living room and garden in which this two set play was performed.

With a seasoned cast, there were several actors appearing on the Augusta stage for the second time. Michael Arrington and Frank Harris in the lead roles of Algernon Moncrieff and John Worthing exhibited their acting talents.

The Importance of Being Earnest brought the acting talents of Kathy Lillard to the Augusta stage. Kathy, now a student at Blue Ridge Community College, gave much talent and body and enhanced the performance considerably in her role as Lady Bracknell, the very proper Victorian aunt who controls the lives of the main characters.

No decision has been made concerning the possibility of a second dramatic performance. However, it is quite possible that the thespian spirit will be aroused again in the spring.

Also appearing for the second time were Jim Favors, Marge Dompe, Lora Alexander, Lee Livick, Alvaro Zayas and George Ralston.

It's Debatable

by James P. Favors

Debate at Augusta Military Academy has commenced with participation in the Bicentennial Youth Debates at Woodrow Wilson Birthplace. The two participants were David Langley and George Mineff.

David Langley was entered in the Lincoln-Douglas Debate with the topic "Resolved: Extremism in the Defense of Liberty is No Vice." David placed second in this category.

George Mineff was entered in the Persuasive Debate with the topic, "The Press: Maker or Recorder of History." Cadet Mineff placed third in his competition. Both received certificates in the competition between seven Augusta County schools entered.

Coaching the students were Lt. Thomas Greenwood and Captain Jeff White. Lt. Greenwood commented that he felt that the two did an impressive job for the first time. However, further competition for the team has yet to be scheduled.

The winners of the debates will be going to the state championships in Abingdon, Virginia. Dave Langley was almost nominated for this competition. Judges for the debates were Joe Bourdow of WTON in Staunton and his wife.

CALENDAR

- 1 - 4 February Ski Trip
- 5 February JV Basketball home
- 6 February Basketball home
- 7 February JV Basketball home
- 7 February Basketball home
- 11 February Basketball home
- 12 February JV Basketball home
- 17 February JV Basketball home
- 17 February Basketball home
- 26-27 February Frederick Military Academy Basketball Tournament
- 12 March Spring Vacation begins

Vacación de Ski

by Carlos Morales y Julio Calvo

Esperando que hayan pasado una feliz navidad y año nuevo y que hayan comenzado un buen año.

Ya hemos regresado de las vacaciones y como se ve todos la pararon bien. Algunos fueron a sus casas y algunos se quedaron aquí en Los Estados Unidos.

Bueno ya pasó! Ahora entramos a los exámenes y con ellos el segundo semestre. Los Exámenes que daran comienzo el 27, 28, 29 de enero. Como supongo ya estan preparados para poderlos ganar. Para los latinos que vinieron este año y

Sobre el "ski trip" sera el 1 al 4 de febrero. El año pasado estubo muy bueno y era un buen lugar pero no vamos a ese mismo lugar. Vamos a otro que porcierto dicen que es mucho mejor y tiene mejores cosas que el otro no tenía.

Las vacaciones de semana santa daran comienzo en marzo, el 12 al 28. Y como veran solo quedan pocos meses para salir de aqui de AMA.

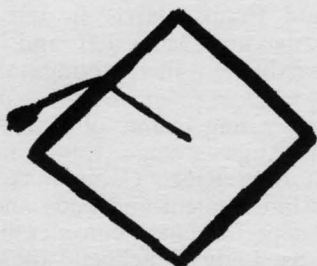
que todavía les cuesta un poco el inglés va hacer bastante dificil pero un esfuerzo es lo que tienen que hacer.

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What will you do after

by Michael Arrington

This is the time of year when seniors and juniors, to a certain extent, are planning the future. Be it college, armed services, or straight into the business world, decisions are being made, and literature and other information on these opportunities are being sought. The **Bayonet** devoted the cover story to the further education of you, the reader.



College Education ?

"College is for those students who have defined their life's goal in such a way that they need an education to obtain those goals," said Dr. Julius Roberson, Dean of Admissions at Madison College, when asked by the **Bayonet** if he thought that college was for most young men and women.

He continued, "I don't think that we will ever reach the day when all individuals will need a college degree."

Some people plan to skip time between high school and college. When asked if this is advisable, Dr. Roberson responded that he believed that would depend on the individual. "When you have someone who is unsure about their career goals or their life goals, they might need this year to back off and take a look at where they are going and then go back into a formal learning experience. For those who know what they really want to do, they should go straight into college." Dr. Roberson also felt strongly that this break would not cause the student to lose study habits.

A student applying for admission has four main factors which influence the college's decision, transcripts, college board scores, recommendations, and contributions to the community.

"First of all we look at the student's high school record. We look at their rank in class, the curriculum they've been in (whether it was academic or non-academic), how many years of math, how many years of science, just an overall

look at the high school record."

Secondly, college board scores are examined. Thirdly, recommendations are considered, which are received from counselors, teachers, and others who know the student well.

The fourth item considered would be the student's contribution to the high school as a citizen. This area included extra-curricular activities and services rendered to the high school and community.

For those students who want to go to college and have low SAT scores but overall good grades, they should not become discouraged. According to Dr. Roberson, acceptance depends mainly on the college. Some colleges are more closely attuned to the student who might have some trouble in college.

Dr. Roberson pointed out the Community College system in Virginia. At these colleges many programs are set up to help students who may be deficient in the areas of English, math or library sciences. He also mentioned that some of the more selective four-year colleges do not offer these programs.

Another discouragement for the student deciding the pros and cons of college is the financial aspect. Dr. Roberson feels that there is absolutely no reason why a student should let this persuade his college decision. "If we discouraged all of those who couldn't afford college, we would cut our enrollment in half."

He continued, "There are three different types of programs on the Federal level." First are those programs that loan money to the students who then repay it in six months to a year after graduation with interest.

There are also out-right grants for those students who have a need. There is no repaying of this grant at all. Lastly, there are sums of money provided to colleges, and the colleges, in turn, hire students to work at the colleges.

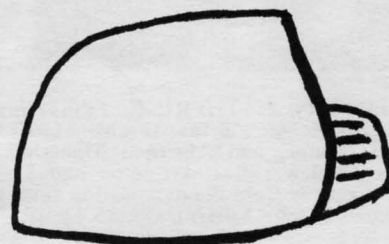
Community and two-year colleges, Dr. Roberson feels, offer the student a chance to improve himself in a certain area, and to become qualified in an area that does not require four years of college.

Transfer of credits from a community college is not as difficult as one may think if a student has been certain to take courses equivalent to the one's he would have taken in a college.

Research and statistics prove that

holders of Bachelor's degrees will make more money than those who didn't go to college. An added benefit of a state supported institution of higher learning is that all Virginia State colleges and universities have placement services to help graduating students obtain employment.

Dr. Roberson feels that a college education give people more opportunities, and "I'd like to think that it makes them better people, but I'm not sure about that."



Into the Business world ?

Furthering research in what to do after Augusta, **The Bayonet** went to the Harrisonburg office of the Virginia Employment Commission, which is now headed by Mr. Ernest James, who served on the Augusta faculty from 1970 to 1975.

Mr. James feels that one should keep in mind that there are three basic classifications of jobs: working with people, working with things, and working with ideas. He also feels that a person needs to find out which of these he is best at. "A person needs to have an understanding of what his strengths and weaknesses are," said Mr. James. "Once you find out what you are good at doing (and all of us are good at different things), then this is what we take and try to turn into a skill, and I use the term skill in a very broad sense."

The **Bayonet** asked what employment opportunities await those who do not go to college. "If he (the student) is just coming out of the preparatory school, and he's planning on gaining no technical training in addition to that, it is going to be tight! Further education in my opinion does not mean just college. Further education means learning a skill, through technical schools, community

Augusta, Plan now

colleges or on the job (OJT) programs."

In securing these jobs, Mr. James' first recommendation was to register with an employment commission. He also said that there was no substitute for experience, but that many people don't realize the experience they have.

"Someone will come in and say that he has no experience. I start talking with him and he will say, 'one summer I worked in a Tastee-Freez; I helped my father build things on the farm; I did voluntary work at a camp; I was active in the church group planning things and organizing'. All of this is experience and this is how a person gains experience, by not wasting his time during his educational years."

Two keys in getting jobs, according to Mr. James, are flexibility and mobility. Examples that he used were someone with a sociology degree working for a while as a salesperson since that is working with people. Or an auto mechanic may not be able to get a job in this area, but that there may be openings in Norfolk or Richmond. Mr. James also feels that someone must be able to conduct an interview for the prospective employee is doing a selling job to the employer. He is selling his skills.

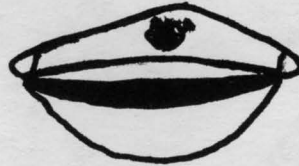
But the '76 graduate need not worry too much. The job market is not as open as it was during the boom of the late 60's or early 70's, but is by no means as bad as it has been the past two years. A few open categories of jobs are in the Health care field, in the chemical field, and in the engineering field. Overcrowded situations occur in the teaching and biological fields.

For further information on a specific field, contact the VEC. "The main thing, once you have registered with the V.E.C., is not to become discouraged. Someone who gets a job on his first interview is not necessarily good, but lucky." Later Mr. James said, "There will always be jobs available, and those who will get them are going to be the ones with the 'Firstest and the Mostest', does the best sales job, and then delivers what he sells."

The Virginia Employment Commission is a federally funded employment agency. Its services, unlike private employment agencies, are free to both the applicant and the employer. To register, a person simply walks into one of the VEC branch offices and fill out a form. The VEC

can't guarantee a job overnight, but it can do its best.

Students not from Virginia should check to see if their state has a similar agency, most states do.



Armed Services ?

"Join the People who have joined the Army".

"Be Something special, Go Navy".

"We want a few good men".

"Find yourself in the Air Force".

These expressions are seen frequently and heard a lot by high school students who are contemplating their future. As a third segment to this article, the **Bayonet** interviewed Army Recruiter Staff Sgt. Larry Jones. He was asked to try to keep his responses away from strictly army responses and rather try to speak from the viewpoint of the armed services as a whole.

The first question was "What advantages and benefits do the armed services offer a high school graduate?" "The first thing a guy is going to ask when you go to look for a job is 'do you have experience?', and in most cases you have none. Even if you do secure a job with a firm, you are going to be starting at the bottom of the pay scale, and then there is the possibility of lay-offs.

Job security is something that the armed services can offer to a young man or young lady who is looking for job training in a certain area. The armed forces can give you this job training and pay your regular salary while you are learning. Then when you do get out of the service, you have something on which you can fall back. Then there is the G. I. Bill, which offers \$12,000 for a college education."

The physical requirements are the same throughout the services, but the mental and emotional requirements change somewhat from branch to branch. Sgt. Jones proudly noted that the Army

has the highest enlistment standards of any branch of the military.

Sgt. Jones was asked to speak not as a recruiter, but as an expert on service opportunities when the **Bayonet** inquired if he thought the service was for most young men and women. To this he simply said "Yes, I would not be sitting here if I didn't."

Sgt. Jones spoke of the travel opportunities which were wide open and guaranteed. He said that bases were off the main tourist strips so that one can see what a country is really like on weekends or when he is given a three days pass.

With what seems to be a boon in "Hire the Vet" commercials, the **Bayonet** wondered if this meant that veterans were having a hard time finding employment. In response Sgt. Jones stated, "There are all kinds of people looking for jobs, but the vet is getting all kinds of free advertising, which is another fringe benefit of the service."

Lengths of enlistment for the Army and Navy are the shortest. They are for three or four years. Other branches of the services have no enlistments for less than four years. After this, one goes into the inactive reserve for the remainder of a six year period. Inactive reserves means one doesn't have to go to any meetings or summer camps.

Sgt. Jones believes that a lot of times high school seniors don't really know what they want to do, and that the Army is a good place to find out.

A question that may go through many people's minds when contemplating the service is "How rough is it really?" Sgt. Jones said that he could only speak for the Army in this instance since he had never been in any other service. "The Army is not an easy life, but it is a good life".

25,000 high school seniors are on the delayed enlistment plans in the Army alone. If one does decide to "Join the Army," he will by no means be alone.

There are a lot of future possibilities for everyone, and everyone who was interviewed agreed that what one should do with one's future is what you would be most happy doing and what one wants to do. Intended for seniors and juniors, this group of articles is also for the freshman, sophomore. What will you do after Augusta? Plan now.

Shooting for Championship

by Christopher Vetick

15-2 was the record statistic of last year's varsity basketball team.

1975-1976 brought the debut of Sgt. Sivert Josephson as head coach, and the team is trying to maintain a record like last year. Midway through the season the Streaks have compiled seven wins and three losses, which were to Randolph Macon College JV, Shepherd College JV and Massanutten JV.

Despite these three losses the team feels good teamwork and play will enable them to win the remainder of their games.

The Blue Streaks have won against some strong opposition such as Madison Dukes Independents, Fork Union, Bridgewater College JV, and one of the strongest contenders, Georgetown University. Playing at Georgetown's home court, Augusta came away with an astonishing 80 to 65 win.

Varsity A basketball has a well-talented line of players giving them much depth in their games. Leading off the first team is guard Lonnie Duren, who has good ball handling and outside shooting. The other guard position is filled by John Tarasuk. Working the boards both offensively and defensively is Victor Ewing and Jim Oldham at forwards with Stan Stewart as center. The three big men rebound and shoot well.

With the team closing on 17 February, the team is preparing for the Frederick-Military Academy Tournament. This will be the first tournament experience for Augusta since the folding of the Military School League in 1974.

With the team's experience, depth, and teamwork binding together, the Streaks should finish with another good season and a good opportunity to become champions.



"BRASS (breathe, relax, aim, slack, squeeze)," remembers Mike Payne as he practices on the rifle range. (Photo by JRM)

Starters Return

by Christopher Vetick

For the past several seasons the Varsity B basketball team has not had a winning record. However, prospects are about to change.

The team has a good solid first team with four out of five starters from last year. At guard position are Tom White and Eddie Williams, who are occupied with ball handling and play calling. Starting forwards are Charlie Livick and high scoring Jim Mitchell. All are backed up by Center Andre Allen keying on the boards.

Experience, ball control and a good

defense will be important for the team's success. The team, however, feels it can achieve a winning season. Opening wins over archrival Staunton Military Academy and Tandem High School were followed by a loss to tough Eastern Mennonite High School. EMHS is judged to be the strongest opponent that the Varsity B team plays.

Up coming games against Hargrave and Massanutten Military Academies will prepare the players for a possible and hoped rematch against Eastern Mennonite.



"Ready for a rebound, Mitch," thinks Charlie Livick (45) as he shoots against SMA. Jim Mitchell is positioned for a rebound while teammates Ed Williams (25), Andre Allen (41) and Tom White look on. (Photo by JRM)

the Range

by Michael Arrington

"There has been more improvement in less time with this year's team than there has been with any rifle team in recent history", said rifle team coach M/Sgt. Donald Studer.

The problem faced by the team this year was the lack of experience returning shooters because of the large number of seniors on last year's team.

Rifle team member Mike Payne told the **Bayonet** that the team started off the Rifle Season with a total score of 944 points on 3 October, and has improved to a high score of 1194. These scores are the sum of the top five shooters and are out of a possible 1500 points.

Other members of the rifle team are Joel Wilks, Jorge Vence, Bruce Brinson, and Griffin Bryant, who put in between eight and ten hours a week practicing for matches which are held with other military schools in Virginia.

Transportation to and from matches is furnished by Sgt. Studer in his unmistakable multipurpose van. This helps to encourage spirit and closely knit feelings among the team.

The most interesting story about the rifle team was told by member Bruce Brinson. It seems that the team has an unofficial mascot, a mouse. Although the mouse lives at the wrong end of the firing line, he need not worry as Sgt. Studer has given strict orders to be extra cautious when "Range Rat" is taking a stroll around the target area. The team has also taken an unofficial name from the mouse, as among themselves they are known as the "Range Rats".

Whether or not the "Range Rats" really brings them luck doesn't matter. What does matter is that rifle team is improving daily and prospects look even better for following teams.



Smiling, M/Sgt. Donald Studer checks Mike Payne's progress on the ROTC Rifle Range.

Basketball

AMA 87	Madison Dukes Independents 81
AMA 102	EMC 92
AMA 68	VMI 60
AMA 90	Shepherd 110
AMA 61	Randolph Macon 67
AMA 92	Bridgewater 58
AMA 83	Fork Union 75
AMA 80	Georgetown 65
AMA 84	Ferrum 69
AMA 81	Massanutten 82
AMA JV 55	SMA 35
AMA JV 60	Tandem 28
AMA JV 41	EMHS 59
AMA JV 55	Massanutten JV 32

Slipping Away

by George Mineff

Skiing is once again being offered as an extracurricular activity. The trip to Seven Hills Ski Resort near Somerset, Pennsylvania was arranged by Col. Charles E. Savedge.

This four day trip from 1 February to 4 February gave eligible cadets a welcomed break after the concentrated study from mid-term examinations. No student making a F during the third marking period was allowed to go on the trip.

Lt. Stuart Seaton again served as chaperon for those attending. Cost for the ski trip was approximately \$120. This amount included transportation, equipment, and the expected cost of meals.

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A special welcome is made to all patrons, friends, and alumni. Holiday Inn, Downtown on Central Avenue and Holiday Inn, North on Woodrow Wilson Parkway hope that they may make this visit to the area an enjoyable one.



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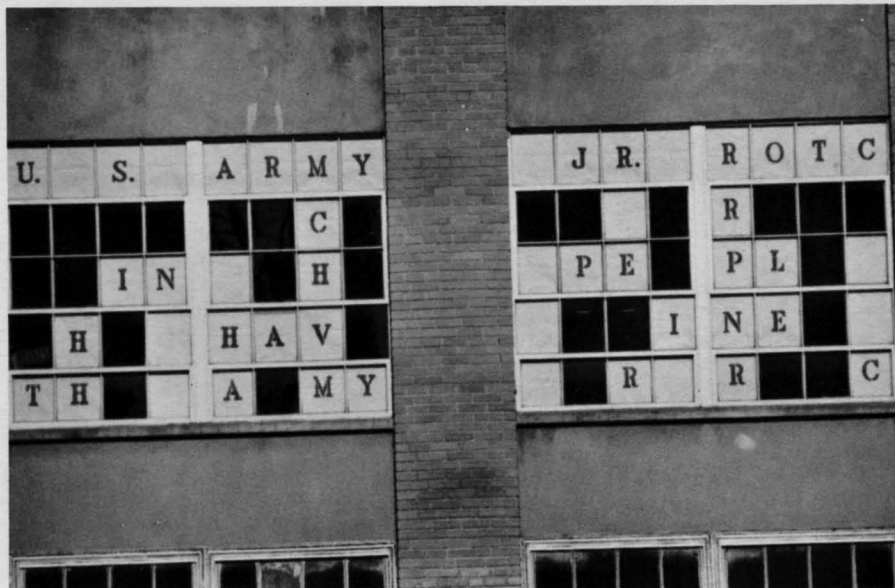
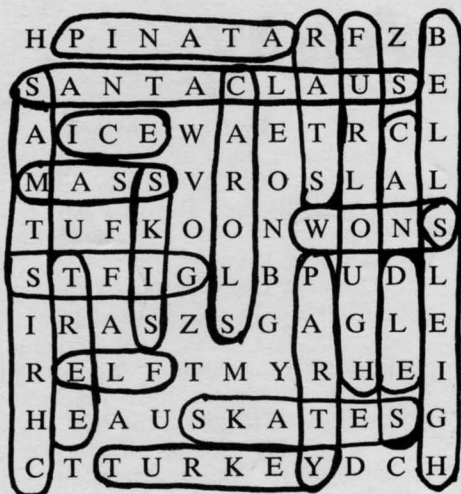
Eight

Find the Squad Leaders

Can you find the names of fifteen squad leaders? Names are horizontal and vertical. Answers will appear in next issue.

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Y U Z U R C E S A N
D R I K S C R E W E
M N G N I L R E T S

Answers to Find the Christmas Terms



Functional as well as baffling are the windows of the Military Department. Master Sergeant-turned window designer, Donald Studer, raises passers-by's curiosity as they wonder what the solved puzzle will say. The puzzle also serves as an innovative curtain for the ROTC Library. (Photo by JRM)

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